

BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes

April 23, 2009

Present: David Kaufman, Ellen Leahy-Pile, Nancy Gilbert, David Ahlfeld, Sandy Sulsky

Staff: Epi Bodhi, Ellen Bokina, Pamela Field-Sadler

Other: Marianne Jakus – Amherst Resident

Attorney D.J. Wilson – Tobacco Control Director/MMA

Joan Hamlett – North Central-Franklin County Tobacco Control Alliance

Meeting opened at 7:03 p.m.

I. Review & Receive

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting minutes from April 2, 2009 -**Accepted as written**

II. Old Business

A. Tobacco Regulations

Present: Attorney D.J. Wilson – Tobacco Control Director/MMA and Joan Hamlett – North Central-Franklin County Tobacco Control Alliance in attendance. Marianne Jakus, Amherst resident, also in attendance.

The BOH reviewed and discussed revised draft documents of the Youth Access Regulations and the Workplaces and Public Places Regulations submitted by Attorney Wilson, as well as the draft documents regarding proposed Landlord Disclosure Regulations. Ms. Jakus shared her support for some type of regulation of tobacco use in multi-unit dwellings. During the discussion the following was noted:

- Ms. Hamlett will prepare a Legal Notice regarding the amended and approved regulations and forward to the Health Department
- There will be no “Clean Slate” for Tobacco retailers in regards to violations of selling tobacco products to minors
- Attorney Wilson will revise the draft proposed Smoking Disclosure in Multi-unit Residences to include suggested modifications
- The regulation of Outdoor Spaces and Smoking Disclosure in Multi-Unit Dwellings will need further discussion/consideration

The following motions were made and voted upon:

Motion: Ms. Leahy-Pile made the motion, seconded by Ms. Gilbert, to

accept the *Regulations of the Amherst Board of Health Tobacco Sales Permits and Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors* to become effective June 1, 2009. **Vote:** Unanimous

Motion: Ms. Gilbert made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kaufman, to accept the *Town of Amherst Regulation Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places* to become effective June 1, 2009. **Vote:** Unanimous

Motion: Ms. Gilbert made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kaufman, to rescind the current *Town of Amherst, Massachusetts Board of Health Tobacco Control Regulations Prohibiting: Tobacco Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment and Youth Access to Tobacco Products* effective May 31, 2009 or when amended regulations become effective. **Vote:** Unanimous

B. BOH Member Replacement

Ms. Bodhi will interview the suggested candidates for filling the upcoming vacant position on the Amherst Board of Health.

III. Director's Report

A. Social Justice

The showing of *Unnatural Causes* has moved to May 19, 2009. The showing will take place at the Amherst Cinema. Ms. Bodhi let the BOH members know the Community Dialogues are going very well.

B. Mass in Motion

The *Mass in Motion - Municipal Wellness and Leadership Grant Program* application has been submitted.

C. Farmer's Market

The Amherst Farmer's Market will begin Saturday: May 2, 2009. Ms. Bokina recently attended a conference regarding Farmer's Markets; Ms. Bokina found the information useful.

IV. Schedule Next BOH Meeting/Agenda Closing Date

A. The next BOH meeting will be May 28, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 p.m.

Epi Bodhi, Health Director
APPROVED: 5/28/09

